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40. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37, additionally comprising one or both of a polyoxyethylene sorbitan ester or cholic acid or derivative thereof.

- 41. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, wherein the polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester of formula (I) is haemolytic.
- 42. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 41, wherein the degree of haemolytic activity of the polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester is in the range of 0.05-0.0001% as measured in the Guinea Pig blood haemolysis assay.
- 43. An adjuvant as claimed in claim 41, wherein the polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester of formula (I) has a haemolytic activity within a ten fold difference to that of polyoxyethylene-9 lauryl ether or polyoxyethylene-8 stearyl ether, as measured in the Guinea Pig blood haemolysis assay.
- 44. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, comprising a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester of formula (I), wherein n is 4 to 24.
- 45. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 44, wherein, n is 9.
- 46. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, comprising a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester of formula (I), wherein R is C₈₋₂₀ alkyl or Phenyl C₈₋₂₀ alkyl.
- 47. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 46, wherein R is C₁₂ alkyl.
- 48. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, comprising a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester of formula (I), wherein A is a bond, thereby forming an ether.
- 49. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, comprising a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether or ester of formula (I), wherein A is -C(O)-, thereby forming an ester.

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50. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, wherein the polyoxyethylene ether or ester of formula (I) is selected from the group comprising: polyoxyethylene-9-lauryl ether, polyoxyethylene-9-lauryl ester, polyoxyethylene-9-stearyl ether, polyoxyethylene-8-stearyl ether polyoxyethylene-4-lauryl ether, polyoxyethylene-35-lauryl ether, polyoxyethylene-23-lauryl ether.

- 51. An adjuvant combination comprising polyoxyethylene-9 lauryl ether and toctylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol (TRITON X100™).
- 52. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, wherein the total concentration of the detergent present is in the range 0.001-10%.
- 53. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 52, wherein the total concentration of the detergent is in the range 0.001-1%.
- 54. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 53, wherein the total concentration of detergent is in the range of 0.001 to 0.7%.
- 55. An adjuvant combination, comprising an adjuvant as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, in combination with at least one additional immunostimulant.
- 56. An adjuvant combination as claimed in claim 55, wherein the at least one additional immunostimulant is selected from the group comprising: LT, CT, 3D-MPL, CpG, and QS21.
- 57. An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 56, wherein the CpG adjuvant is: TCC ATG ACG TTC CTG ACG TT (SEQ ID NO. 1).
- 58. An adjuvant combination comprising polyoxyethylene-9 lauryl ether, toctylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol (TRITON X100TM), and 3D-MPL.
- 59. A vaccine comprising an adjuvant as claimed in claim 37 or claim 40, further comprising an antigen.

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60. A vaccine as claimed in claim 59, wherein said antigen is selected from the group comprising: Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Varicella Zoster virus, Herpes Simplex Virus type 1, Herpes Simplex virus type 2, Human cytomegalovirus, Dengue virus, Hepatitis A, B, C or E, Respiratory Syncytial virus, human papilloma virus, Influenza virus, Hib, Meningitis virus, Salmonella, Neisseria, Borrelia, Chlamydia, Bordetella, Streptococcus, Mycoplasma, Mycobacteria, Haemophilus, Plasmodium or Toxoplasma, stanworth decapeptide; or Tumour associated antigens (TMA), MAGE, BAGE, GAGE, MUC-1, Her-2 neu, LnRH, CEA, PSA, KSA, or PRAME.

- 61. A vaccine as claimed in claim 60, wherein said antigen in an antigen or antigenic preparation from Influenza virus.
- 62. A vaccine composition comprising polyoxyethylene-9 lauryl ether, toctylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol (TRITON X100™) and an influenza virus antigen.
- 63. A vaccine as claimed in claim 59, wherein the vaccine is in the form of an aerosol or spray.
- 64. A spray device, more particularly a bi-dose spray device, filled with a vaccine, as claimed in claim 59.
- 65. A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to a pathogenic infection, or cancer, or allergy, comprising the administration of a safe and effective amount of a vaccine composition according to claim 59 to the mammal.
- A method of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to a pathogenic infection, or cancer, or allergy, comprising the mucosal administration of a safe and effective amount of a vaccine composition according to claim 59.